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SUBJ: CSCE/CMBS: EXERCISE REFORGER: PRINCIPAL MANEUVER NOT-  
IFICATION

REF: A) BONN 14649 DTG 090856Z SEP 75

B) STATE 213666 DTG 090103 Z SEP 75

C) USCINCEUR 081700Z SEP 75

1. IN SEPT 9 POLADS DISCUSSION OF TEXT OF US PRINCIPAL REFORGER NOTIFICATION (REF B), GENERAL DISSATISFACTION WAS EXPRESSED WITH FIGURES SET FORTH IN NOTIFICATION'S SUBPARAGRAPH ENTITLED "APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF TROOPS INVOLVED:". ALLIES POINTED OUT THAT A) THRUST OF OVERALL REFORGER NOTIFICATION SUGGESTS THAT "CERTAIN TREK" IS PART OF REFORGER, YET TOTAL OF TROOPS IN CERTAIN TREK IS GREATER THAN TOTAL IN REFORGER/75; MOREOVER, B) PRESENT FORMULATION IS SUSCEPTIBLE OF BEING MISINTERPRETED BY THE SOVIETS AND OTHERS AS THOUGH THERE MIGHT BE A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 110,000 TROOPS INVOLVED IN THE EXERCISE BEING NOTIFIED.

2. REF A ARRIVED DURING THE THE POLADS MEETING. US REP (LEDOGAR) ACKNOWLEDGED THE FIGURES IN THE US DRAFT DESERVED REEXAMINATION  
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AND THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO ABIDE WITH THE FORMULATION WORKED

OUT IN CONSULTATION BETWEEN US AND FRG AUTHORITIES.

3. COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND THIS SUBPARAGRAPH BE REVISED IN FAVOR OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FORMULATIONS: A) THE 10,000 FIGURE RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSY BONN (REF A); OR B) ELIMINATE MENTION OF TROOPS INVOLVED IN "REFORGER/75" AS THIS IS REFERRED TO ADEQUATELY IN THE SUBSECTION ON "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION", BUT ADD, "US," BEFORE THE WORD "GERMAN" IN SPELLING OUT NATIONALITIES OF TROOPS INVOLVED IN THE "CERTAIN TREK" FIGURE (THIS SOLUTION IS FAVORED ON A PERSONAL BASIS BY THE FRG POLAD); OR C) A FORMULATION ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES "IN OVERALL EXERCISE 'REFORGER/75' APPROXIMATELY 60,000, OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY 57,000, INCLUDING, US, GERMAN, CANADIAN AND FRENCH ELEMENTS, WILL PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN TREK."

4. RECOMMENDATION: WE RECOMMEND FORMULATION C AS OPTIMAL WITH, FORMULATION B AS SECOND CHOICE. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, ALL ADDRESSEES OF REF B WILL NEED GUIDANCE SOONEST. BRUCE

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